DISTANCE LEARNING (DL)

DESCRIPTION

Distance Learning (DL) (known as MarineNet) is the Marine Corps E-Learning Infrastructure that enables Marines to receive training and education via the appropriate interactive media, when and where the learning is needed. DL provides access to learning resources and performance support tools to a greater population of Marines. DL increases the effectiveness of training and education through use of technology. DL consists of commercial-off-the-shelf hardware and software that runs on the Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI)/Marine Corps Enterprise Network. Various DL suites have been fielded to major Marine Corps bases and stations. DL components are as follows:

• Content Delivery Engines (Network Appliances that host content)
• Centralized Learning Management System for Student Administration
• Learning Resource Centers (LRC)
• Video Teletraining Training Centers
• Deployable Learning Resource Centers (DLCR)

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

DL contributes to the Marine Corps' operational readiness by providing all Marines with access to military occupational specialty and common skills training opportunities and Professional Military Education. DL capabilities fill critical gaps in the training and education continuum and can reduce the amount of time Marines are required to be away from their home duty station attending formal training. DL gives the commander a better-trained Marine while increasing personnel availability to accomplish the unit's mission.

PROGRAM STATUS

Three new LRCs will be installed in fiscal year 2008

Procurement Profile:	FY2008	FY2009
Quantity: LRCs:	3	2
Quantity: DLRCs:	0	27

Developer/Manufacturer:
NMCI Seats and Marine Corps
Common Hardware Suite (MCHS)
using multiple vendors.